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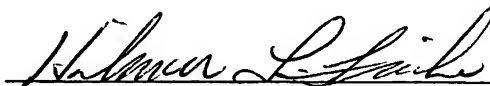
Favorable consideration of this Divisional Application, as amended, is respectfully requested. This Divisional Application is directed to the subject matter set forth in originally filed claims 8-10 (drawn to processes of multi-layer coating), which were previously the subject of a restriction requirement as shown in the Office Action mailed December 23, 2002.

The specification has been amended to make specific reference to related applications. More specifically, on page 1, line 5 of the specification, this Divisional Application claims priority to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/932,124, filed August 17, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Claims 1-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have added new process claims 11-21. Support for such claims is found in originally filed claims 1-10 as well as page 7, lines 12-23 of the present specification. Applicants submit that Miyabayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 4,880,891) does not teach or suggest the present invention since the coating compositions described in '891 are intended for precoating metal to be shaped subsequent to being coated (see column 1, lines 11-24; column 1, line 63 through column 2, line 12; and column 6, lines 55-57). It is respectfully submitted that added claims 11-21 are allowable.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application contents or the contents of this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided. The appropriate fees due in connection with the filing of this Divisional Application are provided herewith. However, should a fee be due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

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